Use of foreign technology for SSIs

4322. DR. JAGANNATH MISRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the use of foreign technology in the Small Scale Industries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and its likely impact on Small Scale Industries?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT) (a) and (b) There is no specific proposal for the use of foreign technology in Small Scale Industries. As per the New Industrial Policy, 1991, use of foreign technology is freely permitted in all sectors of Industry and there is no discrimination for its use in Small Scale Industries *vis-a-vis* other industries. Automatic approval is given by RBI for all industries for foreign Technology Agreements within the following monetary limits—a lumpsum payment not exceeding US $ 2 Million, and for royalty upto 5% for domestic sales and 8% for exports, subject to a total payment of 8% on sales over a period of 10 years. All other proposals for foreign technology Agreements, are considered by the Government for approval on merits.

The industrial units which take advantage of technical collaboration are from all sectors, including the Small Scale Sector. With the access to the foreign technology, the Small Scale Sector is expected to improve the quality and competitiveness of its products.

NOCs for industrial units in Punjab

4323. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases of Industrial units are pending Industry-wise in Punjab, district-wise for NOCs;

(b) how many cases in each district have been pending for disposal for over one month in each district;

(c) what are the reasons in general for the delay; and

(d) how long will it take to remove the bottleneck to ameliorate the losses suffered by industry on account of uncalled delay?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) and (b) Government of India do not issue NOCs to proposed industrial units for any State. A list of Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda (IEMs) filed district-wise in the State of Punjab since August 1991 to 30th June, 1998 is enclosed as statement (*see* below)

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Statement

District-wise list of Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda (IEMs) filed for the State of Punjab during the period from 01.08.1991 to 30.06.1998

Sl. No.	District Name	Number of IEMs filed	Investment Rs. in Crores	Proposed Employment Numbers
1.	Amritsar	132	1476	24670
2.	Bhatinda	32	441	4138
3.	Faridkot	19	135	4333
4.	Ferozpur	40	254	4762
5.	Gurdaspur	31	245	4939
6.	Hoshiarpur	48	1582	23476
7.	Jullundhar (Jalandhar)	134	606	48712
8.	Kapurthala	10	62	12590
9.	Ludhiana	450	6705	117923
10.	Patiala	419	5531	101975
11.	Ropar	157	2062	31493
12.	Sangrur	124	870	25639
13.	Fatehgarh Sahib	60	333	9030
14.	Moga	2	10	45
15.	Mukatsar	3	80	904
16.	Nawan Shaher	1	0	20
17.	Mansa	1	1	61
	TOTAL	1663	20393	414710

औद्योगिक गैस क्षेत्र में निवेश

4324. श्री गोविन्दराम गिरि: क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान औद्योगिक गैस क्षेत्र में अत्यधिक निवेश किया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो भारतीय और विदेशी कम्पनियों द्वारा इस क्षेत्र में किए गए निवेश सहित, इसका कम्पनी-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) यह निवेश कब किया गया था तथा उक्त प्रत्येक कम्पनी द्वारा औद्योगिक गैस क्षेत्र में डॉलर तथा रुपए में किए गए निवेश का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(घ) इन सभी भारतीय और विदेशी औद्योगिक गैस इकाइयों की उत्पादन क्षमता क्या है; और

(ङ) इन कम्पनियों द्वारा कुल कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित की गई?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री सिकन्दर बख्त): (क) से (ङ) औद्योगिक गैस उद्योग में आक्सीजन, कार्बनडाइ-आक्साइड, घुली हई एसिटिलीन, नाइट्रस आक्साइड, नाइट्रोजन, आर्गन, हाइड्रोजन और गैस मिश्रण आते हैं। यह उद्योग अनिवार्य लाइसेंस से मुक्त है। एककों को क्षमता, प्रस्तावित निवेश इत्यादि का उल्लेख करते हुए औद्योगिक उद्यमिता ज्ञापन दायर करने होते हैं। गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान किये गये निवेश के प्रस्ताव नीचे दिये गये है :-

वर्ष दायर किये गये औद्योगिक उद्यमिता ज्ञापन

	एककों की संख्या	क्षमता के लिए कार्बन डाइ आक्साइड से भिन्न गैसें (लाख क्यूबिक मी)	कार्बन डाइ आक्साइड (टन)	निवेश (रुपये करोड़ में)
1996	34	9750.6	5500	725
1997	18	1326.88	6120	137
1998 जून तक	6	346.82	3465	78

इन प्रस्तावों में से कुछ के ब्योरे, जैसे कंपनी का नाम, विदेशी सहयोगकर्ता तथा उसके देश का नाम तथा डालर और रुपये में इक्विटी भागीदारी भारतीय निवेश केन्द्र द्वारा मासिक न्यूजलैटर के पूरक के रूप में प्रकाशित किये जाते हैं और उनकी प्रतियां नियमित रूप से संसदीय लाइब्रेरी को भेजी जाती हैं।

देश में औद्योगिक गैसों का उत्पादन मुख्यत: देशी बाजार के लिए किया जाता है। इन कंपनियों की विदेशी आय की निगरानी भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक द्वारा की जाती है।

Share of fertiliser and coal sector in PSUs losses

4325. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether fertiliser and coal sectors of PSUs account for lion's share of loss to the exchequer;

(b) if so, their performance in 1996-97 and 1997-98; and

(c) the efforts envisaged to make them viable units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The coal and Lignite Sector has earned net profit of Rs. 1314 crores during 1996-97, the period for which information is available. However, the Fertilizer sector has incurred a loss of Rs. 978 crore during the said year.

(c) Enterprise specific measures are taken by the Government for rehabilitation of the sick and loss making units. The sick industrial PSUs are referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) for formulation of rehabilitation package. For loss making CPSUs, the administrative Ministry in consultation with the PSU management has evolved options like capital restructuring and technological upgradation.

Patenting inventions and innovations of Indian scientists

4326. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state the steps taken to cut delays in patenting inventions and innovations of Indian scientists?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): The Government has been taking steps to reduce delays by attempting to modernise the patents system in the country. Steps are underway to modernise and strengthen the patent office